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of Application No. 09/511,893

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For: OPTICAL DISC DRIVE FOR PERFORMING READ/WRITE OPERATIONS AND
OPTICAL DISKS (AS AMENDED)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S.
patent application as set forth below.

Claims 8-19 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 8, 13,
17, and 18 are amended and claims 1-7 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)